

## Lakewood group to talk with freeway planners

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It would take out Lakewood Community Association homes and run close to neighborhood schools.

On May 21, Lakewood residents will be able to ask planners any burning questions about the proposed South Mountain Freeway.

John Rodriguez, a Lakewood resident, asked the **Arizona** Department of Transportation to bring engineers and other members of its freeway study team to a community meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pecos Community Center, 17010 S. 48th St., in Ahwatukee.

Rodriguez, who is also on Lakewood's architectural review committee, said he would invite members of the Kyrene School Board to the meeting. The freeway would run within a few miles of several district schools.

ADOT's study team will present how the freeway would look and then the public will be able to ask questions, Rodriguez said.

He said his concerns are about the freeway's effects on health on schoolchildren, loss of homes, water drainage, wells being moved and cuts into the landscape of South Mountain.

The freeway would run along the Pecos Road alignment in Ahwatukee.

and cut to the northwest through South Mountain before reconnecting with Interstate 10 in the West Valley. Some say it would help alleviate Valley traffic congestion.

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